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COVID-19 Vaccination Update for Montgomery County

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to remind you - a county wide waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccine is available. People eligible for the vaccine, in Phase 1A or 1B, can sign up here: <a href="https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/2826db87c9124a0fa5f89ce121d7503c?portalUrl=https://MOCO.maps.arcgis.com/share/2826db87c9124a0fa5f89ce121d7503c?portalUrl=https://MOCO.maps.arcgis.com/. If you are 65 years of age or older and do not have internet access, you can join the vaccine wait list by calling 936-523-3918. Eligible people on the wait list will be contacted to schedule an appointment when vaccines are available through participating providers. Individual hospitals, physicians' offices and pharmacies may also have vaccines available to eligible populations. Please check their websites for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website here: https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx. Today, we can confirm an additional death related to COVID-19.

• A man in his 70s, from Porter, died at home. The medical examiner's report did not provide information on potential co-morbidities.

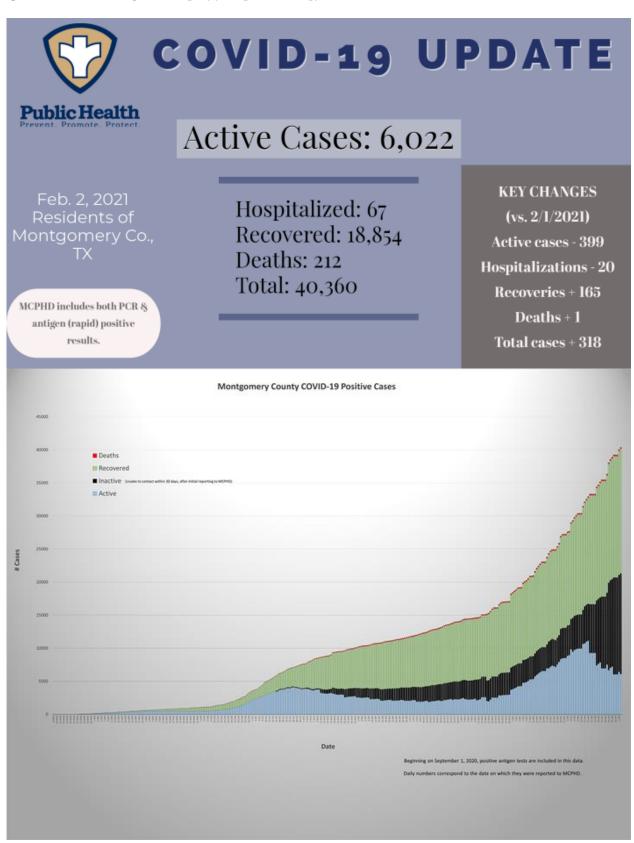
We can also confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 318 to 40,360 since yesterday's (2/1) report. Of the 318 new cases, 285 were tested since 1/21/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 399 to 6,022 since yesterday's (2/1) report.
- 67 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 18,854 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 17%, down from 21%. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing. Have questions? Please go to https://mcphd-tx.org/ and scroll down to the FAQs.



SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations was last updated 2/1/2021. Updates can be found here: https://bit.ly/2Mr500X.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/. You can refer to the dashboard here: https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/.

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.
- As supply and eligibility increases, get vaccinated.

Do you have general questions regarding COVID-19, COVID-19 testing or vaccines? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

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